

The following reports were read and referred to the Publication Committee:—

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary respectfully reports that during the year ending November 30th, 1875, forty-two members and eleven correspondents have been elected.

Four members have resigned.

The following members have died: Rev. Henry S. Spackman, Dr. G. W. Norris, Dr. A. A. Henderson, U. S. N., Dr. R. Bannan, U. S. N., and William E. Whitman. The deaths of Sir Charles Lyell and John Edward Gray, correspondents, were also announced.

Twenty-seven papers have been presented for publication as follows: Edw. D. Cope, five; R. Ridgway, three; Elliot Cones, three; Thos. G. Gentry, three; W. G. Binney, two; H. R. Morrison, two; T. A. Conrad, Dr. Jas. Lewis, E. L. Berthoud, Aug. R. Grote, J. A. Ogden, H. C. Chapman, R. E. C. Stearns, B. F. Lautenbach, and O. A. L. Mörch of Copenhagen, each one. Twenty-one of these were ordered to be published in the Proceedings, four in the Journal, one was withdrawn at the request of the author, and one remains yet to be reported upon.

In addition to the above contributions to the Proceedings and Journal, the verbal communications made at the several meetings and published in the Proceedings without being formally referred to committees, have been unusually numerous and important. Those by Dr. Leidy upon the results of his recent microscopical investigations, by Prof. Cope upon the Palæontology of the west and kindred subjects, and by Mr. Thos. Meehan upon vegetable physiology deserve special mention. Interesting verbal communications have also been made by Prof. Frazer, Dr. Chapman, Prof. B. Waterhouse Hawkins, C. Newlin Peirce, Chas. A. Young, Wm. M. Gabb, Geo. Koenig, and Jos. Willeox.

During the year the concluding thirty pages of the Proceedings for 1874 and 427 pages of the current volume have been published, the latter being illustrated by twenty-four lithographic plates and ninety wood-cuts. 187 pages of the Journal have also been issued

before the completion of the illustrative plates as advance copies of Prof. Cope's paper on the Batrachia and Reptilia of Costa Rica.

Abstracts of such parts of the proceedings of the Academy as might be of popular interest have been published from time to time in the daily papers, with the effect, it is believed, of increasing the interest of the community at large in the welfare of the society, as well as causing a more numerous attendance of members at the meetings.

Art II. Chap. II. of the By-laws was amended by striking out the last sentence and substituting the following words: "Persons under sixteen years of age may be elected members provided their nominations be first approved by the Council. Members under the legal age of twenty-one years are not entitled to vote at any meeting of the Academy nor to serve on committees."

On August 31, a resolution was adopted requesting the Council to examine the By-laws and report such changes as may be necessary for the better government of the Academy.

The important events in the history of the Academy during the past year have been the reception of the I. V. Williamson Library Fund more particularly referred to in the Librarian's Report, the sale of the premises at present occupied by the society, the removal of the collections to the new building at the S. W. corner of Nineteenth and Race Streets, and the junction of the American Entomological Society with the Academy as a section thereof.

On February 23, a resolution was adopted referring to the Finance Committee for consideration, a proposition to subscribe the sum of \$50,000 to the building fund of the Academy. On March 30, a report was received from the committee recommending the appropriation of the sum named upon certain conditions, and a resolution was adopted authorizing the Treasurer to make the subscription when a further sum of \$30,000 had been obtained. A resolution was also adopted authorizing a committee appointed at a previous meeting to ascertain the value of the premises at Broad and Sansom Streets, to negotiate the sale of the same. On November 16, this committee reported that the property had been sold for \$60,000 to be paid in cash and securities, amounting together it was believed in net value to \$56,500, and on November 23, the President and Recording Secretary were author-

ized and directed to transfer the property according to legal form to the purchaser, Moro Phillips, Esq.

At the meeting held May 11, a letter was received from the American Entomological Society inquiring on what terms that Society might be allowed to occupy the apartments to be devoted to Entomological purposes in the new building. A committee was appointed to consider the subject in conjunction with a similar committee from the American Entomological Society. At the next meeting of the Academy a report was received and adopted embracing a plan of union by which it was proposed that the American Entomological Society should become a Section of the Academy. On Oct. 19, the Committee presented a plan of union drawn up in legal form, which was referred to the Council for consideration. Certain amendments proposed by the latter body having been accepted by the American Entomological Society, on Nov. 9, the officers of the Academy were directed to ratify the Articles of Agreement. Properly certified copies of these Articles have been accordingly deposited in the archives of both societies.

On November 2, the new building having been so far completed as to be ready for the reception of the collections of the Academy, the President announced that the process of moving had been commenced on that day.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

There were 1940 additions made to the library from January 1 to November 30, 1875; being an excess of 280 for the eleven months named over the number received during the twelve months of the preceding year.

Of these 565 were volumes, 1368 pamphlets and parts of periodicals, and 7 maps, charts, etc.; 1534 were octavos, 300 quartos, 76 folios, and 9 maps.